



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-026 OPO Number: 17-15
Date of Complaint: 3/28/2017
Allegation: Inadequate Response and Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant was upset with police response to two calls for service. One incident involved an argument. He said he was assaulted and the police did nothing to help him. The other incident involved a dispute with his neighbor. In both cases, the police were not helpful and were rude to him.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged Inadequate Response and Demeanor against four of the involved officers, and Demeanor against the corporal who took photos at one of the incidents.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigation included a review of available documentation, including police reports and bodyworn camera video. The investigator interviewed the complainant and involved officers.

The investigation revealed that officers had conducted a thorough investigation: taking statements, requesting photographs, providing a crime victim card, and trying to contact suspects. In both cases, officers did not establish probable cause for malicious mischief or assault charges. The officers explained their lack of probable cause to the complainant and that the incident would be documented in their reports. They were professional in their interactions with the complainant.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The chain of command determined there was no misconduct on the part of the officers. Each of the Inadequate Response allegations against the four officers were Exonerated. The Demeanor allegations, involving the four officers and the corporal, were Unfounded.